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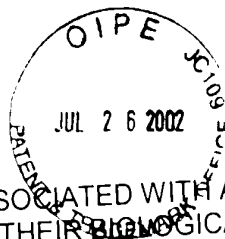
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including July 26, 2002, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 35, delete the paragraphs spanning lines 35-39 and insert the following therefor:

-- Figure 8 shows the nucleotide sequence (residues 138 to 398 of SEQ ID NO: 1) (comprised between the excluded leader sequence and the stop codon) and the amino acids sequence of a KARAP polypeptide according to the invention (mature protein, SEQ ID no. 2), and